(c) the provision of funds made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the year 1995-96, it is proposed to construct 62,986 houses, which is about three times higher than the target of 1994-95 of about 20,000 houses.

(c) A provision of Rs. 7873.25 lakhs has been made during the year 1995-96 to achieve the targets.

Development of new variety of Coconut in Andhra Pradesh

1295. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new varieties of coconut have been developed which are suitable for the delta lands in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such new varieties developed;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to propagate the new varieties; and

(d) the areas where this propagation was carried out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. One hybrid and one variety as shown below were developed at Agricultural Research Station, Ambajipeta, East Godawari Distt. Andhra Pradesh.

Hybrid — East Coast tall X Gangabondam Average yield 128 nuts/tree/year.

Variety — Double century—Selection from Phillipines ordinary Average yield 125 nuts/tree/year.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Agricultural Research Station, Ambajipeta Agricultural Research Station, Vijayarai, West Godawari Distt. is propogating the seeds of the hybrid and the variety.

Fire accident in Jwala puri PVC Market

1296. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the destruction of 4000 shops in Jawala Puri PVC market, in the worst fire accident in Delhi on June 6, 1995;

(b) if so, what were the causes of fire, the extent of loss suffered by the shop owners and the residents of the area;

(c) the preventive steps taken to check fire in Jawala Puri PVC market and other areas in Delhi; and

(d) what are the reasons for setting up of PVC market in the residential areas in West Delhi and under whose orders the PVC market was established?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

थियेटर कलाकारों की दशा पर प्रकाशित समाचार

1297. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 30 जून, 1995 के नई दिल्ली के "दैनिक जागरण" में "रंगकर्मियों की त्रासदी" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की उस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और सरकार थियेटर कलाकारों की त्रासदी को रोकने और प्रेरणा राशि के माध्यम से उन्हें आगे बढ़ाने के लिए क्या सार्थक कदम उठाना चाहिये?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय शिक्षा विभाग और संस्कृति विभाग में उप मंत्री (कुमारी शैलजा) (क) जी, हां।

(ख) देश भर में थियेटर संबंधी गतिविधियों को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए विभिन्न स्कीमें और कार्यक्रम पहले से मौजूद हैं। थियेटर संगठनों को अनुदान प्राप्त करने के अतिरिक्त, संगीत नाटक अकादेमी निम्नलिखित स्कीमें कार्यान्वित कर रही हैं:

(i) युवा थियेटर कर्मियों को सहायता।

(ii) भारतीय भाषाओं में नाटककार कार्यशालायें।

(iii) युवा थियेटर निर्देशकों के लिए कार्यशालाप।

(iv) युवा निर्देशकों द्वारा निर्देशित नाटकों को प्रायोजित करना।

इसके अलावा, संस्कृति विभाग द्वारा स्थापित क्षेत्रीय सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र नियमित रूप से थियेटर महोत्सवों और कार्यशालाओं के आयोजन द्वारा व्यावसायिक तथा शौकिया थियेटरों समूहों को सहायता प्रदान करते हैं।

संस्कृति विभाग एक स्कीम भी संचालित करता है, जिसके अंतर्गत थियेटर समूहों तथा स्वैच्छिक सांस्कृतिक संगठनों को वेतन अनुदान और प्रस्तुति अनुदान प्रदान किया जाता है।

ASI as a scientific department

1298. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has been declared as a scientific department, but the implementation of the same has not been done so far; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has been declared as Science and Technology Organisation. Consequent upon declaration as Science and Technology Organisation, the Survey has already been exempted from the purview of Director General Supplies and Disposal and Staff Inspection Unit of Ministry of Finance. Certain other matters have also been taken up with the concerned Departments of Government.

(b) Does not arise

Organisation of Security wing by ASI

1299. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minsiter of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that despite a report on Security of National Monuments and Museums by Lt. Col. J.S. Marwah, Officer on Special Duty in 1974 and similar recommendations of Mirdha Committee on Archaeology in 1983, the security wing has not been organised in the Archaeological Survey of India till date; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir. Some of the recommendations of Lt. Col. J.S. Marwah, Officer on Special Duty and Mirdha Committee on Security aspects of Monuments/Museums under Archaeological Survey of India have already been implemented. However creation of separate security force was not found feasible. Instead armed Police personnel are engaged for the safety of important Museums.

(b) Does not arise.

सिंचाई जल दरों का पुनरीक्षण

1300. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 24 मई, 1995 के "स्टेट्समैन" में "रिवीजन ऑफ इरीगेशन वाटर रेट्स स्ट्रेस्ड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;